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THURSDAY MORNING, OCT. 14, 1875.

Hon. A. G. Thurman of Ohio will take part in the Maryland campaign. He speaks to-night at Frederick city.

We are pleased to add to our exchange list again that brightly and able Democratic journal of Washington, *The Telegram*. After a temporary suspension it has resumed, and is as energetic as ever in hunting up radical corruption.

The *Morning News* is the name of a Democratic Daily just started in Washington. The first issue appeared on Monday last. It is a neat and well-filled paper, and has our best wishes for abundant success, especially in purifying the political atmosphere of the Capitol.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad has been placed in the hands of a receiver, Henry Tyson of Baltimore being appointed by the Court. The Railroad company has been ordered to appear in the United States Court, the 22nd instant and show cause why there should not be a foreclosure of the first mortgage.

In the matter of C. H. M. Murran Judge Bond reversed the ruling of Judge Hughes made in the District court, in which Judge Hughes held that it was not competent for one member of a firm to waive the right of homestead as to the other member of the firm by executing a firm note for goods with "waiver of homestead."

The case of Colonel Joseph Mayo, Jr., was called in the Hustings court at Richmond on Friday morning, and, on motion of W. W. Walker, Esq., and his associate counsel, the cause was postponed until the 9th of November next, when the preliminary question as to his sanity or insanity at the time of the alleged offence will be inquired into. He was bailed in the sum of \$10,000.

Maj. McMahon has published a card denying that he is a conservative. The *Indicator*, however, publishes the record upon him, and proves that Major McMahon, after it was stated in the meeting that no Republican would be allowed to participate in the proceedings, unless he intended in the future to co-operate with the Conservative party, remained at the meeting and took part in the proceedings.

## HON. JOHN T. HARRIS IN OHIO.

Hon. John T. Harris, whom our readers know has been stamping Ohio for the Democratic ticket, made a fine impression in that State. We have seen a number of complimentary notices of his speeches, two of which we take great pleasure in copying, in order that our readers may know how their representative was received abroad. From the *Canton Democrat* we take the following notice of his speech at an immense meeting where Messrs. Pendleton and Buell also spoke:

After a stirring air from the Alliance Cornet Band, Doctor Lewis announced the evening programme and again, in a few happy and appropriate remarks, introduced

Hon. John T. Harris, of Virginia, who, for an hour or so, held the crowd with his eloquence and judicious and acceptable remarks, interspersed with anecdotes that brought roars of laughter and frequent applause. He eloquently spoke of our common destiny, of our one country; and that in his section there was no wish for anything else; that while the southern people cordially invited the northern people to settle among them, they had been sadly robbed and abused by the carpet-bag element, sustained as they have been in the past by federal power. He spoke of such northern men as Governor Walker and others of his State—men of integrity whom they delighted to honor.

We do not pretend to give a full report of Mr. Harris' remarks, but we take great pleasure in saying that his speech was well received by all, especially the Democrats, Republicans as well as Democrats. Mr. Harris will ever be welcome to Canton.

The Mozart and G. A. Bands serenaded Messrs. Pendleton, Harris, Buell and Schilling, who were stopping at the Oron House, after 10 o'clock, to which Mr. Harris most happily responded, thanking the gentlemen for their courtesy, and stating his own sentiments and the sentiments of the South to be that we had one country and one destiny. He and his friends would gladly welcome and hospitably receive any of them or their friends, regardless of political association. On closing Mr. Harris was heartily applauded.

From the *Cincinnati Enquirer* of October 4th.

At the great Democratic mass-meeting at Fayetteville on Saturday, the 2nd inst., after Governor Allen and Judge Harris, of Virginia, had addressed the vast assemblage, the Chairman of the meeting offered the following resolution: "That the thanks of the people, and for his coming among us to aid in this great struggle of the people against the monopolists," which was adopted amid great cheering and enthusiasm.

We have been surprised at the vituperation poured out in the columns of the *Richmond Whig* against Bradley T. Johnson, Conservative candidate for the Senate in the Richmond district. These attacks have not been open and manly, but the authors have taken refuge behind such signatures as "An Old Fashioned Man," &c. The *Whig* is not the only paper such articles have appeared in. These papers pretend to be Conservative journals, and as such, are the watchmen of the party. But are they doing the party any good by permitting regular nominees to be attacked through their columns? Bradley Johnson was nominated by a vote of the people at a primary election, and afterwards by a Convention. If the Conservatives, after a free expression, choose him, is it not rather the duty of the *Whig* and other Conservative journals to defend than to attack him. These papers would smother the imputation of being Republican journals, but by their course they are doing the work of such journals.

They take great pains to denounce independents in other parts of the State, and charge them with being disorganizers, but what is the tendency of their course? It is infinitely worse than that of the independents. They are endeavoring to defeat a regular nominee, and by so doing virtually sanction the course of the independents.

## Death of Col. Thomas J. Randolph.

Colonel Thomas J. Randolph died at his residence, Edge Hill, about six miles from Charlottesville, Thursday evening last, at 6 o'clock. He was the son of Governor Thomas Mann Randolph and Martha Randolph (daughter of Thomas Jefferson), and was born in the county of Albemarle, on the 1st of September, 1792. Most of the years of his boyhood and early manhood were spent at Monticello in the company of his grand father, who superintended his education and bestowed upon him his fullest affections. Mr. Randolph imbibed the political opinions of Thomas Jefferson in a very large degree, and to the last hour delighted to talk of Jefferson's private and public life and services.

Mr. Randolph became the executor of Jefferson and assumed his debts, thereby taking upon himself a burden which for many years weighed him down. He married a daughter of Governor Nichols, by whom he had several children. In 1829 he published the "Life and correspondence of Thomas Jefferson," in four volumes. He served several terms in the House of Delegates between 1832 and 1838, and with William C. Rives was more than once opposed by Gilmer and Southall, Whig candidates, in contests which are memorable in this section of the country. He was a member of the Legislature at the time of the Nat Turner insurrection, and distinguished himself by a speech favoring the abolition of slavery, and was re-elected the next year although Albemarle was one of the largest slaveholding counties. In 1851-2 he became a member of the convention which met to revise the Constitution of the State, and was once afterwards in the Legislature. His last appearance in public position was at the National Democratic Convention in Baltimore, which nominated Grover C. Cleveland, and by his venerable and dignified appearance commanded more than ordinary respect and attention. He was for many years rector of the University, and was always the ardent friend of that institution.

"We mean," says Wendell Phillips, in his amusing letter to the *Legal Tender Club*, "to have more greenbacks and less checks." If he succeeds in abolishing checks he will turn the mercantile world back to the days of commercial barbarism when, as Carl Schurz says, every man's wallet was bare, and his hat his counting-room. It is only necessary to think of a great dry goods or shipping firm industriously counting out notes instead of signing drafts to pay its bills, or sending to the Sub-Treasury to get a "3-65" changed while a customer waited, to see the absurdity of Mr. Phillips' plan. The no check system may do for a peasant state but not for a merchant.

"A Touching Scene."—The *Richmond Enquirer* says that as soon as the funeral service, prepared by an Episcopal clergyman, at the grave of Col. Thomas Jefferson Randolph, was concluded, and before the grave was filled up, a venerable negro stepped forward and asked if there was any objection to a service by his people. He was told by the clergyman that such a tribute would be acceptable to the family, and then a scene that should go down in history was enacted. Quietly Mr. Randolph's former slaves assembled around him and then swelled up an hundred negro voices that most pathetic of hymns, "Am I a soldier of the cross, I follow the Lamb?"

A gentleman who was present says that in his whole life, extended over seventy years, he never witnessed anything so touching. When the notes died away amid the oaks of Monticello there was not a dry eye in the vast assemblage.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE OF AN ACCOMPLISHED LADY.—In New York, on Friday afternoon, Mrs. F. E. Sigourney, a lady of many accomplishments, who is reported to be connected with the family of the poet, Mrs. Lydia H. Sigourney, tried to commit suicide by throwing herself on the track of the Hudson River railroad, as the cars approached. They were stopped in time. She had been wandering through the streets with her child for several days homeless, homeless and partially insane.

The Mobile and Tennessee water route convention at Rome, Ga., has adjourned, after adopting a resolution recommending to Congress and the Legislatures of Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama legislation to aid in the connection of the Alabama and Tennessee rivers; also endorsing the four great water routes proposed by the Windom committee, and calling upon the government to select Rome as the site of the proposed southwestern arsenal.

The Municipal election in Baltimore will be held on the fourth Wednesday of October, the 27th instant. The Maryland State election will take place on Tuesday, November 2nd.

The new postal cards are being issued at the rate of over a million per day, the number thus far put out being 11,188,000. The epizootic in a mild form has appeared at Omaha.

## OCTOBER ELECTIONS.

Elections took place in Ohio, Iowa and Nebraska on Tuesday. In Ohio State officers from Governor down were voted for. Allen, Democrat, and Hays, Republican, were the gubernatorial contestants. State officers were also voted for in Iowa, and a Legislature elected. Nebraska voted for Supreme Court Judges, six regents of the university and to fill a few vacancies in the Legislature.

The Republicans have carried Ohio by a majority of between 5,000 and 10,000.

In Iowa the Republicans have 35,000 majority, a gain of twenty per cent upon their vote two years ago.

The returns from Nebraska are so meagre that the result is not fore-shadowed.

COURT OF APPEALS.—Since our last report a number of cases from this circuit have been decided by the Court of Appeals at Staunton. From the *Stanton Vindicator* we quote:

*Mauzy vs. Sellers & Co.*—Mauzy sold to his brother his interest in one tract of land by name, and also all his interest in "land" inherited by him from his father. Besides his interest in the tract mentioned and in a tract of mountain land, Mauzy also owned jointly with his brothers and sisters, one fourth interest in a house and lot. The brother of Mauzy became insolvent, and his creditors asserted that he owned Mauzy's interest in the house and lot by his purchase from him. Mauzy alleged that he never intended to sell his interest in the house and lot. His brother swore that he did not intend to buy it and the scrivener who drew the contract of sale, said he did not understand the parties intended to sell or purchase Mauzy's interest in the house and lot, and that if the general term "land," used in the contract means the house and lot, he used it by mistake. The mutual mistake being clearly proven the house and lot did not pass by the contract, and a court of Equity will give relief from the mistake—judgment of the lower court reversed. Judge Staples delivering the opinion of the Court.

*Washington, Cincinnati & St. Louis Railroad vs. Sullivan.*—A commission appointed by the County Court to assess Railroad damages, are bound to hear all testimony adduced by either party and upon the return of their assessment to the County Court may be shown by either party why the assessment should be set aside. Judgment of the lower court reversed; Judge Staples delivering the opinion of the Court.

*Massey vs. King & Wife & Co.*—from the Circuit Court of Rockingham. Decree of the lower Court amended and affirmed; Judge Moncreu delivering the opinion of the Court.

*Ammon's Adm'r vs. Wolfe & Co.*—Ammon in his life time was guardian of the estate of Wolfe. After his death (in 1868) his adm'r found in his papers a number of Confederate States Bonds, 7 Bonds for Five Hundred Dollars each—issued to Ammon individually but each endorsed in his hand writing "Wolfe's heirs." It was attempted to be proven by Ammon's adm'r, that in the spring of 1863, he had applied to and obtained from the Circuit Court of Rockingham, an order for the investment of funds of his wards in Confederate bonds, and that the 7500 bonds were obtained in accordance with that order, but the records of the Court having been burned, the Court decided that the evidence was not sufficient to sustain the position—that an order allowing fiduciaries to invest in Confederate bonds "under such conditions must concur." The money must be in hand at the time of the application; it must have come into the hands of the fiduciary in this course of administration and from some cause, he is unable to pay over to the parties entitled.

An investment lacking either one of these three conditions, will not be allowed. Judgment of the lower Court affirmed; Judge Moncreu delivering the opinion of the Court.

*Shands vs. Grove*, from the Circuit Court of Rockingham. Judgment of the lower court affirmed. Judge Anderson delivering the opinion of the Court.

The rectifying house, residences and all the property of J. P. Kissinger, of Milwaukee, Wis., was seized by a collector of internal revenue Saturday for an assessment of \$236,000 against the Union Copper Distilling Company of Chicago, in which Kissinger is a stockholder. Parker R. Mason, whose distillery at Chicago was seized last May for irregularities, was arrested there Saturday and placed under bonds. Warrants are out for two other distillers whose places were seized last May.

It is not long since Schuyler Colfax was Vice-President of the United States. Since that period his name has been gradually disappearing from public observation; but lately it has given a faint twinkle in the following announcement: "Hon. Schuyler Colfax is to be one of the judges at a baby show to be held at Niles, Michigan." For a first-class statement this is a finale!

It is probably good for morality that prize fighting is becoming a fatal amusement. In a "mill" at Cincinnati Tuesday between Frank Farrell and Jack Leonard, two young roughs, Leonard received injuries which will probably result seriously.

Six illicit distillers and a number of other United States prisoners escaped from jail at Abingdon, Va., on Thursday last, but were recaptured before they got far.

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## NEWS ITEMS.

The Liberians have been victorious in five engagements with the African barbarians. Diplomatic relations between Holland and Venezuela have been broken off.

It is reported that the British war vessels in Japanese waters have been ordered to China.

The National banks have surrendered \$8,000,000 of circulation since the 1st of July.

The immigration into California for the past eight months exceeds that to New York by more than 12,000.

Six thousand hogs have died of hog disease and about Columbus, Ohio, during the past month.

The horse disease is rapidly spreading in Pike, Wayne, Monroe and other counties adjacent to Milford, Pa.

An Augusta, Georgia, dispatch reports the critical illness of Hon. Alexander H. Stephens.

A banker's daughter has created a social sensation at Sedalia, Wis., by marrying a rich music teacher. Her love was blind.

Mr. James Lyons, of Richmond, in attempting to walk down stairs, on Thursday, fell and received painful bruises about the head and shoulders.

T. K. Wallace has been convicted of highway robbery in the Circuit court of Dinwiddie county, Va., and sentenced to the penitentiary.

The man recently captured in Fentress county, Tenn., with \$4,700, has been identified as one of the robbers of the Huntington (W. V.) bar.

G. T. Heard was convicted at Conyers, Ga., Saturday, of an attempt to outrage two little girls. He was sentenced to be immediately after conviction by taking morphine.

The grand jury at Trenton, N. J., has brought five indictments against Joseph Sooy, late State treasurer, four for embezzlement and one for misdemeanor in office.

An Illinois physician, having successfully removed one-half of a lady patient's tongue, has been overwhelmed with applications from suffering husbands for pills around to operate upon their wives.

The Monumental Hotel, corner of Ninth and Grace streets, Richmond, during the war occupied by the Auditor of the C. S., has been sold at auction for \$22,000.

At Lawrence, Mass., Saturday night, Bernard Bradley, while drunk, beat his wife over the head with a bottle, and then poured boiling water over her. She cannot recover. Bradley was arrested.

Oakley B. Stoll was shot and mortally wounded, and William Sutton slightly wounded in Sussex county, N. J., Saturday, by Elias A. Woodward, with whom they had a dispute about a horse.

A negro man was shot and killed Thursday at Kempville, Princess Anne county, Va., by a young man named Herrick. The negro insulted Herrick's mother.

Alfred Penn, an old and respected citizen of New Orleans, and for many years president of the Union Bank of that city, died at Salem, Va., Thursday. He was the father of Lt. Governor D. B. Penn.

Captain Bogardus, the well known pigeon shooter, has been arrested in St. Louis at the instance of the society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, for shooting at a match near that city Friday.

Wm. Pemberton, an escaped convict horse thief, was mobbed while in custody of a constable at Peoria, Illinois, Friday morning, shot several times and finally hung. The constable mortally wounded one of the mob, and Pemberton cut one of his lynchers terribly before he succumbed.

Some wretch entered the house of Geo. Forrest, at Bay City, Mich., and poured acid in the face of Mrs. Forrest while she was asleep, from which she will probably lose her eyesight, besides being otherwise disfigured. The outrage is supposed to have been committed by a man whose suit had been rejected in Forrest's family.

In the case of Pinney, the defaulting naval paymaster's clerk, at San Francisco, Paymaster Spaulding promises a revelation "that will make a fluttering among the politicians as regards the finances which retained Pinney in his position" if the inquiry is pressed too hard upon him.

The hoisting works of the Utah mine in Virginia City, Nevada, were burned Sunday night; loss \$250,000. The engineer stood at his post hoisting out miners until he was badly burned. Four men, who remained behind when the engine was abandoned, escaped through an old shaft.

A freight train on the New York Central railroad, going fairly miles an hour, left the track at Buffalo, Saturday, and dashed into the walls of the depot, demolishing a large portion of the structure, wrecking the locomotive and part of the train, and instantly killing the engineer and fireman.

In Baltimore on Saturday, Thos. Wiloy, a white man aged fifty-five, was arrested charged with committing a shooting and foul outrage on a little girl aged eight years. Henry Cain, a negro, has also been arrested, charged with committing a rape on three white girls, aged nine, ten and eleven years. Both white man and negro have been committed to jail for the action of the grand jury.

Albert P. Lathrop, former Radical State Senator, has been presented by the grand jury of the United States Circuit Court, in Richmond, on the charge of embezzling the funds of the Government entrusted to him as collector of the Fourth District. The defalcation, it is alleged, will amount to nearly five hundred dollars. George Eldridge, a Deputy Collector for Lathrop, was presented by the grand jury at the same time as a party to the embezzlement.

Two young men named John Ryan and Michael Carney, aged about 23 years, settled a personal difficulty by a fist fight in Bussey's woods, Boston, Friday. The fight was a desperate one, and lasted two hours and fifty-five minutes, seventy-three rounds being fought. Ryan was taken home by his friends and died Saturday from the effects of his punishment. Carney, who was badly slightly injured, and the seconds in the fight, left and were locked up to await examination to-day.

## MARRIED.

On October 7th, 1875, by Rev. Sam'l C. Coffman, Martin Blosser and Elizabeth Layman, all of Cincinnati. On October 10th, 1875, by Rev. S. W. Watkins, Abner H. Brewer and Sarah Ann E. Webster, all of Rockingham county.

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### ESHMAN & OESTREICHER.

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### J. A. LOWENBACH

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### Dry Goods, Groceries,

### CASSIMERES, DRESS GOODS,

### NOTIONS, &c., &c.,

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### A No. 1 Stock of Confectionery,

### GROCERIES of all kinds, and also BEEF SOLE LEATHER, which I will sell very cheap. Also, I have removed to my new building, corner Main and Water streets, and next to Masonic Hall. I thank my friends and the public generally for their patronage and hope for a continuance of the same.

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### TO THE TAXPAYERS OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

### N O T I C E

### is hereby given that the Taxes for the year 1875 are now due, and that the following times and places in the several districts, to receive the State Tax, County Taxes, School Tax, and Tax on Dogs for the present year, are:

### PLAINS DISTRICT.

### Whitaker's Shop, Monday, October 11th, 1875.

### Gooden's Shop, Tuesday, October 12th, 1875.

### Tenth Legion, Wednesday, October 13th, 1875.

### Tinberline's, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 15 and 16, 1875.

### JOHN T. HARRIS.

### HOOPER'S SHOP, Tuesday, October 19th, 1875.

### Singer's Shop, Wednesday, October 20th, 1875.

### Meigs' Shop, Thursday, October 21st, 1875.

### Myer's Shop, Friday, October 22nd, 1875.

### STONEWALL DISTRICT.

### Furnace, No. 2, Tuesday, October 26th, 1875.

### McIntosh's Shop, Wednesday, October 27th, 1875.

### Fort Republic, Thursday, October 28th, 1875.

### CENTRAL DISTRICT.

### Harrisonburg, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 2 & 3, 1875.

### Cedarblow, Thursday, November 4th, 1875.

### St. Albans, Friday, November 5th, 1875.

### ASHBY DISTRICT.

### Dayton, Monday, November 8th, 1875.

### St. Albans, Tuesday, November 9th, 1875.

### St. Albans, Wednesday, November 10th, 1875.

### Myer's Shop, Thursday, November 11th, 1875.

### Cross Key, Friday, November 12th, 1875.

### Taxes will also be received at the Treasurer's Office, in the Court House, at Harrisonburg, on the first day of December, at which date the year per cent, will be added to all unpaid taxes.

### JOHN F. LEWIS & CO.

### PERSONS wanting the latest style Hats, can get them by calling on JOHN F. LEWIS & CO., who have just received a nice lot, which they had made to their order.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### Election Tuesday, Nov. 2d, 1875.

### We are authorized to announce Capt. W. M. SHERB as a candidate for the next House of Delegates, Sept 30th.

### We are authorized to announce Col. W. J. ARMSTRONG as a candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates, Sept 30th.

### We are authorized to announce Dr. T. N. SELLERS as a candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates at the ensuing election. Aug 26th.

### FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

### Gold closed dull in New York, Monday, at 117 1/2.

### HARRISONBURG MARKET.

### CONTRACTED WEEKLY BY LONG & HELLER.

### THURSDAY MORNING, October 14, 1875.







